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Rah!

"The Cheerleaders" are back in town, and will end today perhaps the most notorious of all summer camps. The girls practice each day under the direction of members of the National Cheerleaders Association and compete each evening for the coveted spirit stick award. The clinic is directed by Bonnie Magill, chairperson of the women's physical education department, who will retire this summer.

Former professor wins MSU dismissal suit

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A former assistant professor at Northwest Missouri State University has won a lawsuit in federal court here in which he said the school's board of regents violated his constitutional rights in dismissing him.

In a 17-page opinion handed down Thursday Judge John W. Oliver of the U.S. District Court ruled that Clifford E. Bruce, the professor, was denied due process when he was fired in late 1971 by the university. The judge also ruled the university was liable for financial loss suffered by the former professor after he was fired.

According to the opinion Bruce had been teaching in the university's speech department for four years when he was recommended for tenure in September, 1970. A year earlier Bruce had signed a contract with the university to take a sabbatical leave during the 1971-72 school year to study for a doctorate.

But Bruce and a department head had a dispute about a class assignment. The dispute grew and the recommendation for

tenure was withdrawn. The board of regents eventually decided not to renew Bruce's teaching contract for the next year and later decided to rescind permission for the sabbatical.

Oliver ruled that even through Bruce had been denied tenure after the disagreement, he was still under contract with the university because of the sabbatical. Oliver said the sabbatical agreement had been granted at a different time and under different circumstances.

Oliver wrote that the university had violated Bruce's rights when they failed to provide him with 10 days notice of their dismissal action and failed to allow him a hearing in which to appeal the action.

Attorneys for Bruce and the university will meet with Judge Oliver Tuesday afternoon to decide what, if any, damages should be paid the former professor. After that liability decision is reached, the university may appeal the decision.

Bruce, who now reportedly is teaching at Marshall University in West Virginia, sought only financial damages in the suit. He did not seek reinstatement to the faculty at the school in Maryville.

MSU tennis program under MIAA investigation

by Beth Dalbey

The Missouri Intercollegiate Athletics Association (MIAA) has initiated investigation into the tennis program at MSU, and will release their findings before the Infractions Committee of the conference in mid-July.

According to Dr. Michael Hunter, director of athletics, the Infractions Committee will be questioning MSU's foreign scholarship system. Although the scholarships are not funded through the athletic department, a large percentage of the tennis players are attending MSU on foreign scholarships.

"Our tennis program was investigated through a conference committee, and its findings will be presented at the conference infractions committee and they will take appropriate action," Hunter said.

When asked if the foreign scholarships were illegal, Hunter replied, "That's the question nobody can answer right now. We'll just have to wait and see what the Infractions Committee finds."

Hunter said that there will be no athletic monies allocated for tennis scholarships next year. He also said that six of the seven top tennis players have transferred because of this decision.

In other action affecting the tennis program at MSU, a proposal initiated by Dr. Charles Thate, provost, to drop three minor sports from the intercollegiate program has been tabled.

The sports included tennis, golf and swimming.

Hunter said that the sports will be offered again next year. He said that because Missouri Governor Christopher S. Bond approved higher appropriations for MSU, the three sports can be offered with no serious financial burden resulting.

Bush issues delayed grade statement

Subject: DELAYED GRADE STATEMENT EFFECTIVE FOR THE AUGUST 1976 COMMENCEMENT

1. Grades submitted as final grades (including delayed grades) for the intended semester of graduation are used to determine the eligibility of the candidate for graduation.

2. Candidates for graduation and faculty members are advised to carefully review the situation if there is any possibility of a student receiving a delayed grade. Faculty members should carefully review their records and inform students of any extenuating circumstances that may result in the awarding of a delayed grade. Candidates for graduation who receive delayed grades for the term that they intend on graduating in will not be graduated at the end of that term. This applies to all delayed grades regardless of the reason for awarding the delayed grade. Upon removal of delayed grade the student will then be considered for graduation at the next graduation period. Students enrolled for problems, independent study, research, readings or any course which does not meet as a group should consult their instructor prior to the end of the term to verify that all assigned work has been completed.

3. All non-graduating students wishing to submit makeup work to remove a delayed grade must make arrangements with their instructor two weeks prior to the semester's or summer session's final grade due date. Faculty members are not obligated to accept makeup work after the above time periods and have it evaluated in time to submit a grade change before the end of the current session (applies starting fall 1976 semester).

Dr. Robert Bush

Ad. makes camps business

by Mark Sheehan

Summertime is camp time at MSU. There are band camps, tennis camps, boys' basketball camps, girls' basketball camps, wrestling camps, football camps and baseball camps. The staid, scholarly atmosphere of this fine institution is suddenly shattered each June with the crowing of young Lotharios and pubescent giggles of novice tempstresses. Little Johnny is happy to get away from Mother's constant harassment over his unmade bed, and Mother feels completely justified in expending \$50 or so, to escape, for at least one week this summer, little Susie's whining to take her swimming, fix her this and take her there.

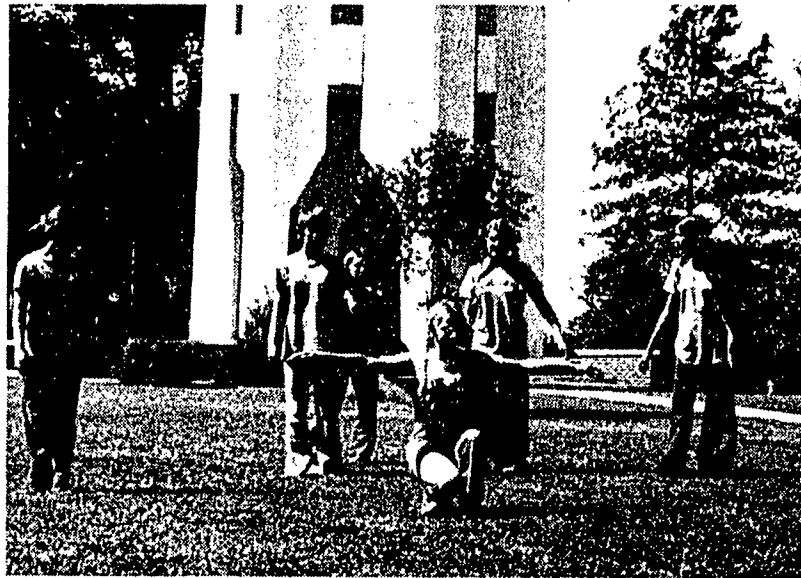
Our wise Administration, with one eye on empty buildings and rising costs, is happy to provide the facilities for this parent-child sabbatical, of course, for a price. But one wonders if the boys with the gray hair have fully capitalized on this summer camp scam. No law says camps are only for those of the pimple persuasion. Why not have a senior citizen camp, with classes in shuffleboard for the arthritic?

But if this is an honorable seat of knowledge, why limit the camps by age or athletic prowess? Culture camps could be big drawing cards. Painting camps, weaving camps, pottery camps the list could go on and on. For the more practical minded, home economics or auto repair camps are in order.

However, the camp motif I feel would be especially popular this campaign year would be the political camp. Because some people place strong, at times violent, loyalty to one party or person, the camp would need to be separated into sub camps so that no more needless mudslinging occurred than necessary. I have taken the trouble to develop several rough formats for these camps in hopes that the Administration might still be able to exploit them during this very advantageous summer.

The first camp I feel we should name in honor of the politician's politician: Camp Milhouse. Special instruction will be provided in the areas of covert political activities, obstruction of justice and retirement vacations in China. All campers achieving a passing grade in this camp will receive the highly esteemed "I'm Not a Criminal" diploma.

The next camp selected to particularly appeal to that vast right-of-middle crowd that can make or break a camp, The Gerald Ford Camp of Political Ambition. This camp will place special emphasis on obtaining political ambitions by being polite. Campers will be instructed to the advantages of saying "excuse me." When they trip or stumble,



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and "Pardon you" when someone else might fall from a high place. Successful campers will be presented a slightly battered Knute Rockne football helmet.

Perhaps the most sought after camp this summer will be the Wayne Hays Camp of Public Affairs. During the day, campers will be able to participate in seminars on such topics as Big Bossing in Ohio Politics and Congressional Backscratching. However, the most intense instruction will come during the evening when the subject of Congressional Fringe Benefits will be covered. In conjunction with this camp it is obligatory to suggest the Elizabeth Ray Camp of Secretarial Skills. Campers, will be especially interested in the course, "How Almost any High School Grad Can Earn \$14,000 a Year Without Time Consuming Training!"

I'm sure you will agree that the Jimmie Carter-Elmer Gantry Camp of Divine Selection will be warmly welcomed here in the Bible Belt. Courses in "How a Blank-Eating Grin Can Help You Evade Issues," "How To Photograph Well in a Peanut Field (special attention will be given to projecting the image of humility with pride)" or the crucial subject "Did Jimmie Carter Legally Change His Name to Jimmie Carter So That His Initials Would be J.C.? And, if so, Is This an Effective Campaign Tool for Young Political Aspirants?" will become an essential for any young political hopeful. On completion, all campers will receive a year's subscription to "Time Magazine", two free trips to the dentist and a complimentary set of Tennessee Ernie Ford's "Inspirational Hymns."

Of course these are only suggestions. I'm not trying to force anything on to the Administration, nor would I expect any outrageous royalty check for any of the profit that might derive from my efforts. Don't get me wrong; this is one student who is perfectly happy spending his summer dodging adolescent projectiles on the Union steps and picking discarded bubble gum from the soles of my shoes. No sir, I just thought I might be of some help. Of course, I can understand if they feel I didn't give them sufficient planning time. There's no hard feelings on my part. If they are interested, I do have a Bicentennial idea that we should be able to set up for Christmas break. It's a Valley Forge Camp that will recreate the inadequate shelter and the shortage of food (low overhead!) that our forefathers experienced. The weeks activities could culminate with President Foster leading a crossing of the icy 102 River on Christmas Eve.

Social Security increases

A cost-of-living increase in monthly social security benefits will be included in checks delivered in July, according to Larry Schreck, social security manager in Maryville. The increase will amount to 6.4 per cent for most people getting social security payments.

The increase is based on the rise in consumer prices from the first three months of 1975 to the first three months of 1976. The cost-of-living provision was added to the social security law in 1972.

With the cost-of-living increase, average social

security retirement payments to retired workers will go from \$210.00 to \$224.00 a month.

Social security pays monthly benefits to over 32 million people. The payments are funded by social security contributions from employees, employers and self-employed people. The in-

crease will add about \$1,350,000.00 per year to social security benefits being paid in the five counties served by the Maryville office.

The increase by county will be: (1) Atchison — \$222,000.00; (2) Gentry — \$260,000.00; (3) Harrison — \$295,000.00; (4) Nodaway — \$469,000.00; (5) Worth — \$102,000.00. This increase will increase total monthly benefits in the five county area to \$1,869,583.00 monthly and \$22,435,000.00 annually. These amounts do not include reimbursement from Medicare or payments through the Supplement Security Income Program.

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Programs for financial aid supported

The Office of Health, Education and Welfare has announced that more than \$943 million has been awarded to post secondary education institutions across the nation to support programs of student financial aid during 1976-77 academic year. The awards will fund the federally supported Supplemental Educational Opportunity Grants (SEOG), National Direct Student Loan (NDSL) and College Work-Study (CW-S) programs in 50 states, The District of Columbia, Guam, Puerto Rico and the Virgin Islands.

Awards in excess of \$238.5 million for SEOG will provide grants to approximately 442,500 exceptionally needy undergraduates and vocational students enrolled at 3,517 institutions. The grants range from \$200 to \$1,500 a year, with a ceiling of \$4,000 for a four-year course of study.

A total of \$317 million went to 2,867 institutions for NDSL. Students under this program may borrow up to \$2,500 for vocational study; up to \$5,000 for all of undergraduates study; and up to \$10,000 for graduate study.

Nearly 894,000 students at 3,215 institutions this year will be able to earn a part of their education expenses through the CW-S program. The Federal contribution of \$388 million will pay 80 per cent of the salaries. Students may work between 20 and 40 hours a week at jobs arranged by the college or school. The three programs are authorized by the amended Higher Education Act of 1965.

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Attention, summer school students: all traffic and parking regulations are enforced. Anyone having a car, truck or motorcycle on campus should have it registered.

According to Bruce Wake, if you wish to park on campus between the hours of 7:30 a.m. and 3:00 p.m. you need a parking permit. Parking permits and registration stickers may be obtained from the cashiers at the Business office in the Administration Building.

The MSU postoffice window on campus is no longer selling stamps or remaining open on Saturdays.

The last day to drop a first five-week class without "WP" or "WF" grade assessment is June 23.

Under the provisions of the Privacy Rights of Parents Students section 99.3, MSU must give public notice of the categories of public directory information which it has designated with respect to each student attending the institution and shall allow a reasonable period of time after such notice has been given for the student to notify the institution that the student does not want the information released without the student's consent.

Under the above provisions, officials of MSU will release the following information on currently enroll students:

- (1) Student's name
- (2) Address
- (3) Telephone listing
- (4) Date and place of birth
- (5) Major field of study
- (6) Participation in officially recognized activities and sports
- (7) Weight and height of members of athletic teams
- (8) Dates of attendance
- (9) Degrees and awards received
- (10) The most recent educational agency or institution attended.

A student must contact the Registrar within 10 days if he/she does not want this directory information released. The Registrar's office will inform all recipients of the directory of the names of students desiring that the directory information not be released. Any violations of this policy should be reported to the Dean of Students by calling 582-7141, Extension 165.

The swimming pool in Martindale gym will be open from 3-5 every weekday afternoon throughout the summer. Additional openings of the pool and the gyms will vary from week to week.

Veterans to report every two weeks

Veteran's Administration Coordinator MSU, William Dizney, has announced that because of VA regulations, veterans must report to the University's VA office every two weeks and sign a notarized statement showing class attendance and intention to attend.

The University, Dizney says, must be able to show that veterans, eligible for benefits, are attending classes.

Failure to comply, Dizney says, can result in the retroactive loss of benefits. The following last name alphabetical scheduled has been established to facilitate the reporting procedure during the 1976 summer semester:

A-E should report on June 14, June 28, July 12, and July 26; F-J should report on June 15, June 29, July 13, and July 27; K-N should

report on June 16, June 30, July 14, and July 28; O-S should report on June 17, July 1, July 15, and July 29; T-Z should report on June 18, July 2, July 16, and July 30.

Veterans should report on the designated days to Carol Davis in room 206 of the Administration Building, 1-3:30 p.m. The attendance statements will be notarized without charge.

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Two-week workshop held on campus

Nearly 50 students attended the two-week 15th annual Publications Short Course offered the first two weeks of June on the MSU campus.

A majority of the students enrolled in the yearbook workshop section held last week and directed by Linda Smith, MSU journalism instructor and Northwest Missourian advisor for the two summer sessions this year.

Dr. Carrol Fry, chairman of the English department, welcomed the students June 1. Other guest speakers throughout the workshop were Robert Gadd, Inter-Collegiate Press; Dwight Tompkins, a 1976 graduate of MSU who spoke on photography; Ron Clemons, a high school journalism instructor; Hugh Penniston, Walsworth Publishing Company; Gary Byrne, Josten's American.

An ice cream feast and old

movies show were held at Fry's residence during the week and awards were presented at the end of the session to high school students, college students and advisors attending the session.

The second week of the workshop devoted to newspaper work was directed by Beverly Johansen, a MSU graduate who has taught journalism for five years and has worked professionally for two.

Assisting her were David Bell, former journalism instructor at Richmond High School; Tompkins, and Opal E. Eckert.

Mrs. Eckert, instructing feature writing, was former head of the journalism department at MSU. She retired two years ago.

Students in the newspaper section worked during the week on various phases of writing and layout and produced a mini newspaper.



Instructors in the workshop were, left to right, Dwight Tompkins, Opal Eckert, David Bell and Beverly Johansen.

Comment

Are tickets necessary?

By Charla Vaughn

Last week I feel I unfairly received a parking ticket by Northwest Missouri State University for parking in a lot which required stickers.

I was a visitor at MSU for the Journalism workshop. Before the incident I had previously parked at the lot with meters but because the lots were being torn up for the replacement of new concrete, I was forced to find another place.

From the information we had received, stickers were needed in about every lot with the

exception of visitors' parking. Not knowing where to find visitors' parking lots which were not being replaced, we settled for a parking place near a visitors' lot which was roped off for No Parking.

In my opinion visitors should be informed as to where to park in such a case as the replacing of concrete.

Parking should be provided where a visitor can find it. In the future, I hope such a situation can be overcome and a visitor does not have to receive the same treatment I did.

Honor student at work

by Cliff Hill

She entered the great white structure full of awe and wonder, not unaccompanied by fear. Her hair was slightly tousled, but at the same time a big smile was on her eager face.

When asked about her life, she replied that she was a very boring person. This statement revealed her embarrassment. An honor roll student, a member of the Honor Society, and one who sews and finds time to play with Betty Joe, her dog, can't be a boring person.

Becky Hayden, a soon to be 17-year-old senior at South Nodaway High School, was one of the students at the Newspaper Workshop this past week. Becky mentioned that she had plans of following in her father's line of work. Her father Dr. Harold Hayden, a veterinarian, probably had some influence in instilling the desire to the healing and medical future ahead of Becky.

Becky stated that she had future plans of entering the Practical Nursing program at MSU. After Becky completes the program, she would be eligible to take the State Board of Nursing examinations to become a Licensed Practical Nurse. After graduation the LPN will be prepared to handle all basic patient care.

Copy, photographs and cartoons on page 4-5 were prepared by students enrolled in the Publications Workshop.

Privilege with responsibilities

by Linda Smoley

Rights and responsibilities of the school press were discussed by a panel of instructors before participants of the newspaper workshop here last Wednesday.

Panel members, led by Beverly Johansen, former reporter for the Daily News-Bulletin, Brookfield, included Opal Ecker, former journalism head at MSU; David Bell, former journalism instructor at Richmond, and Dwight Tompkins, former editor of the MSU Tower and a 1976 journalism graduate here.

Panel members agreed that the school press is a "privilege" which has "corresponding responsibilities."

Tompkins, using as examples the Northwest Missourian and some of the issues it covered this past academic year, said, "The newspaper owes me the right to know what is going on."

Johansen said student journalists have a responsibility to themselves to "understand the situation and help change it" if they feel it is wrong.

Eckert gave the example of Maryville High students petitioning for a newspaper class many years ago and getting one because they had "the courage to fight for something they wanted."

At the same time, however, Eckert pointed out that it is the student press' responsibility to train staff members before sending them out. Johansen even advised that a school newspaper not be printed until November or December to allow time for staff training. She stressed that it is "better to put out a quality product than to slap something together."

The panel members agreed that one of the first steps of a newspaper staff wanting freedom to determine what is printed must be to acquire the responsibility to be "accurate and fair," so that they can gain the trust of school administrators. Bell said it is important for staffs to "police" themselves, weeding out or teaching unreliable people on the staff.

Tompkins stressed the specific responsibility of the staff advisors not to correct all errors before publication. Letting students see mistakes in print and staff critiquing sessions after publication are excellent devices, according to Tompkins.

Editors also have specific responsibilities, ac-

cording to Eckert and Tompkins. Eckert said editors must not just correct, but help students to see their errors. Tompkins cautioned editors, "Things will seem logical to you because you thought them up." He said involving the whole staff in decisions is a way of keeping the editor's personal feelings out of the paper.

Brent Wheatley, a workshop participant from Lee's Summit, and Mike Witt, adviser from Shenandoah, Iowa, presented cases of censorship in their schools last year. Both indicated the censorship had robbed them of their responsibility to present the facts. All agreed the censorship occurred primarily because administrators view school publication solely as public relations tools.

Bell said that many administrators hope newspapers will put out weekly doses of "pabulum" to reflect the school in a good light. He stressed, however, that such baby food may not be best for public relations, since the public may begin to wonder if pabulum is all that is being taught in the schools.

In order to alleviate censorship and upgrade the paper's content, participants were advised to cover possibly controversial topics as straight news first, which will often lead to editorial comment through letters to the editor.

Instructors also suggested ways to build good relations with administrators in order to acquire freedom. Tompkins stressed, "Have your act together." Knowing the facts, anticipating questions in advance, the keeping calm will be helpful in meetings with administrators, according to Tompkins, who spoke of his personal experiences in dealing with MSU administrators.

He suggested friendly meetings with administrators in which staffers might ask questions to which they already know the answers, hoping to break the ice in order to ask more pertinent questions.

Tompkins and Johansen said that their experiences in getting stories from reluctant sources show that informing them of rumors is a way of prompting them to get the true story out through the press.

All the instructors agreed that striking a balance in reporting the positive and negative aspects of the school is important in order both to be accurate and to gain administration confidence.

A serious business

by Trudy Dowling

Students at the MSU Publications Workshop received practical advice from Robert Slater, managing editor of the St. Joseph News-Press, Monday to begin the week-long short course.

Slater, noting that "newspapering is a very serious business," stressed the importance of responsibility in high school journalism, saying "school newspapers must do many more things than just sports, school menus and the honor roll."

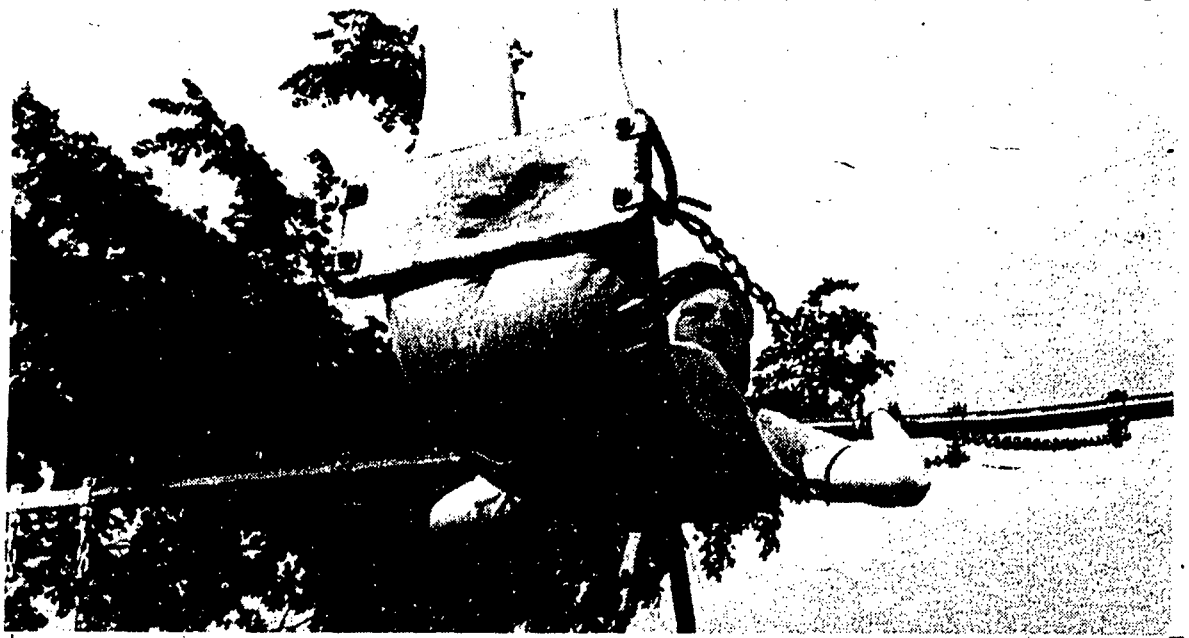
Offering advice to students and advisors, Slater said the proficient journalism teacher should spend time working with the students prior to publication.

"It is important that you don't wait until a crisis to talk to the advisor," Slater warned the journalists. He also noted that freedom and judgement come with responsibility.

Slater pointed out that some professional editors and high school advisors think, "I can do it myself quicker, and it will be right."

To back up his philosophy, Slater introduced Denise Kerns. Mrs. Kerns was writing obituaries when Slater noticed her talent and promoted her to the women's section of the paper.

Mrs. Kerns impressed on the students to be accurate and factual, but yet to keep a personal touch. Articles that go into print reflect the writer and establish a reputation for the reporter, she said.



Lisa Vansickle, a student from West Nodaway R-I High School, Burlington Junction, was the winner in the photography section of the workshop.

Education—an experience

by Cliff Hill

What is the meaning of education today? Education means different things to different people. It begins at the time a baby is born. The baby educates the mother and the mother educates the baby.

Education pulsates and grows, growing from a small baby to a young child. This beginning of education penetrates the gray matter in the mind, quickly and smoothly, revealing to bright minds the beauty of the new world ahead.

Education is a classroom, florescent lights, and the sound of a lead pencil scratching across a piece of paper. It is responding to the smell of hot rolls at 10 o'clock in the morning. It is watching students fall asleep in study hall.

Education is more than books and school fixtures. It is common learning; not only by students but also by students teaching teachers. It is the fact that as each day goes by one realize what one doesn't know. For the students it is finding out that teachers are people, people that want to help teach the student not the book.

Education is learning to give and take; learning about one's self, country, community, and how to get along with others and to live a long life.

Education is the kindling of a blazing future in whatever the young mind develops into.

Johansen to teach in Africa

"We're just packing up and leaving — destination Africa," commented Beverly Johansen, director of the MSU journalism workshop's newspaper section.

The Johansens, Eric and Beverly, have signed two-year teaching contracts with the America Cooperative School in Monrovia, Liberia. The school has 500 students, kindergarten through high school. Ms. Johansen will be teaching high school Spanish, while her husband will be in junior high mathematics and science.

About 50 per cent of the students are Americans, children of diplomats and businessmen. And almost 100 per cent are college bound.

The students attend school

on a nine-month basis with the same required curriculum as schools in America.

The other 50 per cent of the school's population are Liberians and third world country students on scholarships.

Living in Monrovia, a city with a population of approximately 100,000 will be a different yet similar experience for the Johansens. Liberia, the size of Pennsylvania, was first settled by freed American slaves. Because of this, English is the official language and American currency and weights and measurements are used.

Differences they expect to experience, however, include

the climate which is quite hot and humid the entire year and the infrequent availability of beef and potatoes.

Leisure hours can be spent attending movie theaters and reading. Television watching is scarce as the entire country has only one television station and European picture tubes are necessary.

The Johansens plan to spend some time vacationing in places such as Egypt and South Africa during their two years abroad.

When asked if they planned on coming back to America, Ms. Johansen replied, "If we enjoy teaching overseas, we will probably try to find teaching positions in another country. If we don't like it, we'll come back."

Not another conservative

by Trudy Dowling

In a panel of three sports-related people, one man stood out.

Was it his conservative brown suit in contrast to the others' mod casual look? Was it his brown-rimmed glasses in contradiction to the others' wire-rimmed ones? Or was it his more formal approach in disparity with the relaxed, gum chewing approach of the other two men?

A variety of things made Fritz Kreisler, associate sports editor of the Kansas City Star contrast to the two younger men, Doug Kelly with the Kansas City Chiefs' public relations and Tracy Ringolsby with United Press International.

Kreisler offered advice to the young journalists when he stated, "Know the difference between news, public relations and advertising, and make up your mind to be a reporter first and a writer second."

Appealing to the young journalists, the realistic Kreisler stated that a good writer knows the basics of good grammar and "can write a death notice as well as a superbowl game."

Using candor and sometimes giving side glances to the other two men, Kreisler emphasized that the news media owes something to the reader.

People attending the panel however noted Kreisler's disagreement with the idea that protection of the athlete comes first, or that a reporter should satisfy his own feeling of fair accomplishment.

Speaking frankly about his own profession, Kreisler noted that the United States is too sports conscious, "An emphasis on winning causes only a handful of fans to stay with a losing team," he said.

Voicing above board answers on issues regarding women in the sports media, Kreisler stated that his newspaper hired its first woman because they were told to. He added, "She was good and there's always room for anyone good. If a woman is willing to work hard, she'll do well."

So it was then on a panel of three, one man stood out. His conservative brown suit, his brown-rimmed glasses and his formal approach were direct comparison to the approach and ideas of the younger men. However, there was something else. His straight forwardness came through. He knew journalism.



Brown ends 30-year career . . .

Retirement dinner to be held

Everett W. Brown, who is retiring from his University post on June 30, will be honored and "roasted" at a dinner Saturday, June 26, at 6:30 p.m. in the Ballroom of the J.W. Jones Student Union. He has played an integral role in both the development of MSU and in the people who have attended the institution during the past three decades.

Brown has held a number of positions during his 30-year

tenure here at MSU including MSU's assistant to the president, director of University field services, secretary of the Northwest Missouri Teachers Association and secretary-treasurer of the MSU Alumni Association. The dinner, sponsored by the Alumni Association and friends of Brown, is open to all alumni, friends and members of the public who would like to honor

ACEP brings 30 to MSU

by Richard Marshall

Mainstreaming 30 high school juniors into the MSU academic summer session may perhaps be heartless, but it is definitely a challenge.

Dr. Edward Farquar heads the Accelerated College Experience Program (ACEP) this year. The program allows students who have completed their junior year with a "B" average to enroll in the summer session.

As Charles W. Veatch, director of admissions, explains the program is for the sole benefit of the superior student who wishes to experience college work and earn credit.

The students, who are only allowed to enroll in freshman-level courses, must pay the same fees as regular students.

Most of the 30 students enrolled in MSU summer classes attend high schools within 20 miles of the campus. A full half of the 30 are students from Maryville High School (MHS).

ACEP, which has existed under different names for several years, provides a convenient method for these local students to obtain college credit. They are able to live at home and hold a part-time job while attending college.

Adjusting to MSU provides little real difficulty for these local students. Most of the "spoofhounds" (MHS students) attended Horace

Mann while in grade school and therefore know the campus and its life style as well as, if not better than, regular college students. The few students who live too far to commute have the biggest adjustment. They must be adaptable to dorm life as well as college classes.

Joycelyn Plymate, a 17-year-old from southern Missouri, explained that adjusting to college-level classes was not too hard. "Everyone told me they (college classes) would be so hard, but I don't think they are," she said. "I expected much more homework than what my teachers have given me."

Joycelyn looks positively at the changes being on campus and living in the dorm have had on her life. "I really like it; however, you must be independent. Kids who have to have a best friend around all the time wouldn't like the change from high school."

What lures a youth to spend his last high school summer in the classroom rather than at the local swimming pool or nearest action spot? For some, the challenge of achieving on a higher level is inviting while others may be searching for an independence they can't find at home. But for Joycelyn the answer is practical and simple. "I just wanted to be able to get out of college sooner," she said.



the man who has served the University and the Northwest Missouri region for these many years.

The dinner is \$5 a plate and reservations must be received by Bob Cotter, director of alumni relations, by Monday, June 21.

A scholarship in Brown's name is being established and the Alumni Association has purchased a gift to present to Brown in gratitude for the number of years he has served the University. Contributions to the scholarship may be enclosed with the remittance for the June 26 retirement dinner.

Address dinner reservations, gift and scholarship contributions to Bob Cotter, director of alumni relations, MSU, Maryville, Mo. 64468 or call 816-582-7141, ext. 142.

Veatch named director admissions position filled;

Charles W. Veatch, assistant director of admissions since 1973, will replace Richard Buckridge as director of admissions, effective July 1.


Buckridge, as the Board of Regents announced earlier, is replacing retiring Everett Brown, as assistant to the president.

Veatch earned his master of business administration from MSU in 1971. A graduate of Des Moines, Iowa, Roosevelt High School, he attained his baccalaureate degree from Sioux Falls, S.D., College.

He first joined the MSU staff in 1971 as hall director of South Complex. In the Fall of 1972, he was placed in charge of Dieterich Hall.



A year later Veatch assumed his present position of assistant director of admissions.



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'Cabby' cleans town

by Larry Anderson

You sit yawning in a theater, leisurely sipping a Coke and munching tough popcorn, trying to tune out that awful canned music. As the air conditioning cools your back too quickly from the hot outdoors, you experiment with a dozen different positions, trying to make an uncomfortable seat more comfortable. In crossing your legs you kick over a forgotten Coke and a sticky mess and a soggy cigarett butt decorates your new Keds. For a moment you are disgusted by the garbage, other people's garbage, but the curtains slid open secretly and the lights dim so you can't see the garbage or the shoe. You see eyes, dark and menacing. You see the snub nose of a taxi. You realize, somehow, that this movie will be different.

Taxi Driver is a hard convincing film aimed at our security, our sense of balance, and our coveted hope that we really do belong, but the strength of the film lies in its accurately conceived picture of a man who must finally react to the things that are destroying him, his environment, man's sensivity, and his own inhibitions. His final reaction is explosive but Robert De Niro's deliberate handling of the character makes the viewer realize that the alternatives for the taxi driver are extremely limited. What De Niro leaves behind, after the blood and madness, is not a case study of an American archetype but rather an analysis of a human being becoming all too recognizable, the angry destroyer, in a fearful and alienating society.

The taxi driver's disintegration is in part perpetrated by the nature of his job which brings him in close contact with all elements of society and aspects of the city that are repulsive to the lonely and neurotic character. The taxi driver, Travis Bickle, has the existentialist repulsion for the garbage and sickness that he sees every day, both in human and environmental form. Amid his helplessness steps Betsy (Cybill Shepherd), a squeaky clean campaigner for a presidential candidate that Travis describes as being "above everything he observes daily. Travis succeeds in making a date with Betsy but his bid for companionship is frustrated when he takes Betsy to a porno movie, an effort Travis believes to be normal.

Betsy's rejection pushes Travis past neurosis into the deeper patterns of the psychotic. He sends her flowers but when they are sent back his room fills with decaying bouquets. He becomes a campaigner of sorts for Betsy's candidate and on one occasion, when he has picked the man up in his cab, even

suggests that he, as president, could clean up the city. Campaign posters adorn his walls and in much the same manner as Arthur Bremer, campaigner, diary keeper, and assassin, Travis prepares to destroy the candidate.

Travis's preparations submerge him in a new identity. His mind persists in a confused image of purity as embodied by Betsy which clashes with the reality of the garbage he sees every day, embodied most clearly by the teenage prostitute Iris (Jodie Foster) and her pimp Sport (Harvey Keitel). In his new image Travis pictures himself, complete with practice before the mirror and firing range, as a combination revenger and rescuer. When his attempt to destroy the presidential candidate and attract Betsy's attention is frustrated he turns, cowboylike, with guns blazing, upon Sport and friends, the imagined destroyers of Iris's purity.

Taxi Driver is a demanding film. Martin Scorsese's camera techniques have been tried before but are especially effective here in letting the viewer see the world as Travis sees it, nasty, garbage filled, and in need of change. There is violence in Scorsese's city before Travis ever straps on his guns. Also, the screenplay by Paul Schrader is literate and controlled, with language and actions befitting a pathetic neurotic slipping unnoticed into fury.

The film is also effective in its comparison of opposites; Betsy the pure as opposed to Iris the prostitute, Travis the cowboy as opposed to Sport, whose dress and long hair resembles an Indian, and Wizard, the rational cabby as opposed to Travis, the irrational driver. This careful work greatly adds to the depth of the film and gives meaning and more sense to the direction Travis is driving toward.

Taxi Driver as a whole is an important effort but the ending does not fit well. We see, with camera moving slowly over the walls of his apartment, newspaper clippings of Travis's violence being interpreted as the work of a hero and his rescue of Iris from the hands of Mafia and white slavers being accepted as such. Iris has been returned home to her parents. Travis is once again on the street, recognized and aloof as he really wanted to be, still driving his taxi. This shakes the credibility of the film. It is unlikely that Travis would be allowed on the street under the circumstances or that his actions would have the "healing" effect on his psyche that they seem to have. However, Travis has succeeded in finding his identity and society does not really have to be any more rational than its children.

St. Louis athletes recruited

Eight St. Louis area high school students-athletes, including three all-metro performers and five all-conference selections, will enroll this fall at MSU. These students will participate in the Bearcat football program.

The St. Louis area athletes recruited by Head Coach Jim Redd are: Lewis Kincaide, a 6-2, 212-pound defensive-offensive tackle with 5.0 speed in the 40. Kincaide was a first team all-metro selection at Maplewood High School and he was an all-state performer his junior and senior year; Gene Gladstone, a 6-1, 200-pound tackle with 4.8 speed in the 40. Gladstone won second team all-metro honors while performing for University High School; Matt Borgard, a 6-2, 205-pound tight end-defensive end with 5.0 speed. Bogard was a fourth team all-metro selection at Bishop DuBourg High School and he

was an all-conference pick.

Also participating with the Bearcats will be: Eric Mueller, a 6-3, 210-pound center-defensive tackle with 5.1 speed in the 40. Mueller was a first team all-conference selection at McCluer North High School. Steve Enea, a 5-9, 170-pound flanker-defensive back with 4.6 speed. Enea was an all-conference player last year at Lafayette High School; Doug McCollom, a 6-0, 200-pound guard-tackle. McCollom runs the 40 in 5.0 and he was named all-conference last season performing for St. Charles High; Greg Jaros, a 6-0, 180-pound safety with 4.8 speed. Jaros was a first team all-conference selection at Eureka High School; and Greg Denzin, a 6-0, 170-pound defensive back. Denzin received all-conference honors last year at Parkway North High School.

University shylock curbed by court

(CPS) — The way a university goes about collecting its debts came under question recently in a case involving a hospital debt, the University of California at Davis and UCD student Kathy Cleveland.

Cleveland received \$160 worth of treatment at an area hospital last summer, under the impression that her student health insurance would cover the bill. When the tab came to her instead, she refused to pay.

The University in turn sent her a note threatening to withhold her registration materials unless she came up with the money.

A Yolo County Superior Court slapped the University's wrist,

granting a temporary restraining order that prevented the school from withholding the registration package until the disputed medical bill is settled in court.

The American Civil Liberties Union, which is footing the bill for the case, argued that in any other case of debt collection, the debtor would have to take the case to court to settle. They claimed the University should be forced to do the same.

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Jimmy Carter

Another can of beans?

I was sitting at the table of a small, family restaurant in St. Joe.

"Now that is what I call Mexican food." My friend sighed contentedly.

"What?"

"Real Mexican food," he echoed, "not that mass produced stuff you get out on the Belt."

commentary

He was right; the food was delicious. But a corner of my mind insisted upon interrelating seemingly disparate facets of the human experience into a neat micro-macrocosmic view of life. Therefore, I quite logically tied the cuisine with politics. "That maybe the key to Carter."

"Oh pudding (expletives have been refined for print), you're not going to start on politics again," he said despondently.

Something about Carter had been bothering me for a long time. I am, quite frankly, suspicious of all politicians, and any politician that claims to be an honest politician (until I receive definitive proof I will consider this term an oxymoron) deserves particular scrutiny. "Don't you see? The reason they can serve good, spicy food here because they are marketing their product to a smaller, more selective group of people. Where as Taco Paco has to adjust the taste of their food to satisfy millions of people."

"So what?" he said, although I'm sure he didn't want to.

"So, to become president in this country the candidate must gain wide appeal. He must be one

thing to the truckers and one thing to the mass transit people, one thing to the oil people and one to the coal people, one thing to the consumer and one thing to the businessman. Just as quick food industries must compromise the taste of their food the politician, unfortunately, must at times adjust the truth to get elected."

"Well that goes for all politicians not just Carter," he snapped back in an attempt to end the conversation.

"Except that Carter doesn't promise anything but honesty, sincerity and humility—all qualities usually missing in politicians." I waited for his reply.

"Sounds like a good promise to me," I knew he was a Carter supporter.

"But then maybe that makes Carter like that new fast food place out on the Belt that claims to have the real 'old fashion' hamburger."

"Godfrey Daniels, not another analogy!"

I continued, "It was essentially the same hamburger with the same pickles, tomatoes, lettuce and mayo—only it cost a little more. Maybe behind Carter's claim to honesty and humility we'll find the same ambition (he had concentrated all efforts since leaving his gubernatorial responsibilities on obtaining the presidency, I thought) and vanity (I wondered about any man who would go to a dentist three times a year when I'm afraid to go once in five) that characterize politicians. I just hope he doesn't cost too much."

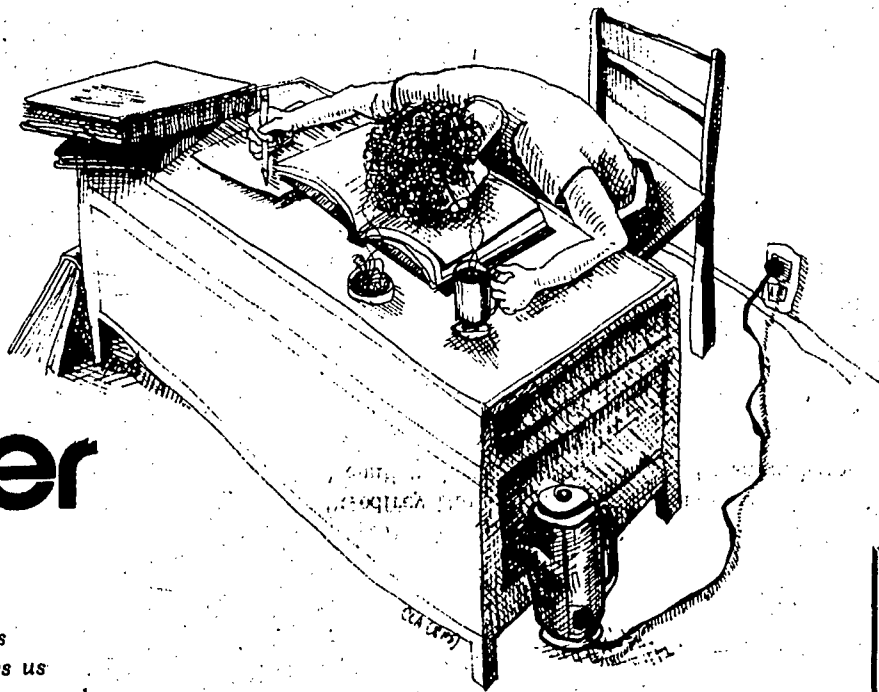
"I've had enough," he crumbled his napkin and stood. "Tennis again next week?"

"Sure." He only plays me because he can whip my tail. I reach for the check. "I'll get it."

I don't mind paying for the real thing.

Mark Sheehan

the stroller



Nobody loves us
Everybody hates us
Let's go eat some words.

Words!!? Shouldn't the phrase be, according to the old rhyme, worms?

In the case of the students on campus this summer, eating words is the correct thing to say. In five weeks or less, the students are being fed millions upon millions of words with a shovel.

Administrators and instructors are expecting the same progress with summer classes as they expect with full 16-week semester classes. Full potential is swept aside for the kid-get-this basis, or the hit-and-miss agenda.

The Stroller has passively noted some classes like this:

One instructor says, "Class the theory is this, words, words and words."

"But Mr. —, I don't fully understand that concept, could you go into it a little better?" pleads a pupil.

"Well, in that case, words, words, WORDS! Now let's go on to the next chapter!" (Two chapters in a half hour—he's beating last year's time, and may finish this book this five weeks).

Or in another classroom situation the instructor says, "Students, your first exam is tomorrow and your second the day after that!"

Whether the student fully understands the concept or not, he must take all the words, digest them and be able to do amazingly well on his exams. Loony Louie does it. Of course he's loony from staying awake all night with his nose in some textbook. (The big dark circles under his eyes help him look the part).

Well, students, this Stroller could pass for another Loony Louie (big circles and red eyes), and the only advice that can be given is get your silver spoon and "Yumm, Yumm, eat 'em up."



reader response

Dear Editor:

I am a student paying full tuition at MSU. Yet I find myself in a junk yard rather than a campus. It is bad enough that I am constantly exposed to hundreds of screaming cheerleaders who seem to be all lungs and no brains. I also must dodge construction workers, material and just plain junk before I can make my way to class.

I realize that improvements must be made on the campus. But must they be made to the total disregard of the MSU student? Surely, construction can be completed and arranged to cause far less trouble and possible danger to the student.

Before coming to this college I was told that it was one of the most beautiful in the Midwest. However, the ugly scars con-

struction has left on this campus during the time I have been here have left me sadly disappointed and, yes, angry!

I am no administrative whiz, but it would seem to me that construction could be done, for the most part, in the periods before and after summer session. Perhaps I ask for something which seems unimportant and even silly in the age of rapid progress we live in. Still, I hunger to walk on a campus without the fear of being run over by a backhoe or have my sense of sight destroyed by ugly plywood and cracked concrete.

In this year of celebration of our nation, is it asking so much to have a campus truly representative of the beauty and pride we hold so dear?

Mark Andrew

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